

Talking While You Read Tri-fold 2

Directions

When you read together, talk with your child about the book following these steps.

1. Take turns reading or listening to your child read the whole book.
2. Read the book again, stopping regularly to have a conversation.
3. Ask your child to explain the information from the book.

Use **CROWD** to ask different types of questions to prompt a discussion about the book. Below are examples of the types of questions that you can ask your child.

C**ompletion** Ask your child to complete a sentence or a phrase from a book you are reading.
The four stages of the life cycle of a butterfly are egg, caterpillar, _____, and butterfly.

R**ecall** Ask about details of what you read.
Can you describe how the caterpillar builds a chrysalis?

O**pen-ended** Ask about a picture in the book.
What is going on in this picture?

W**h** Ask **wh** questions that begin with Who, What, Where, When, or Why.
What does a caterpillar do a lot of after it hatches from the egg?

D**istancing** Ask questions that relate something in the story to your child's life.
Remember when we saw that butterfly on our walk yesterday? Which picture of the butterflies in this book look most like then one we saw? What type of butterfly was it that we saw?



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The Whistle by James Baldwin (with example prompts)

Two hundred years ago there lived in Boston a little boy whose name was Benjamin Franklin. On the day that he was seven years old, his mother gave him a few pennies. He looked at the bright, yellow pieces and said, "What shall I do with these coppers, mother?" It was the first money that he had ever had.

"You may buy something, if you wish," said his mother.

"And then will you give me more?" he asked.

His mother shook her head and said, "No, Benjamin. I cannot give you any more. So you must be careful not to spend these foolishly."

What did Benjamin's mother give him? (Recall)

Why do you think his mother won't give him any more? (Wh question)

The little fellow ran into the street. He heard the pennies jingle in his pocket. How rich he was! Boston is now a great city, but at that time it was only a little town. There were not many stores. As Benjamin ran down the street, he wondered what he should buy. Should he buy candy? He hardly knew how it tasted. Should he buy a pretty toy? If he had been the only child in the family, things might have been different. But there were fourteen boys

and girls older than he, and two little sisters who were younger.

What a big family it was! And the father was a poor man. No wonder the lad had never owned a toy.

How do you know that Benjamin's family does not have a lot of money? (Recall)

He had not gone far when he met a larger boy, who was blowing a whistle. "I wish I had that whistle," he said. The big boy looked at him and blew it again. Oh, what a pretty sound it made! "I have some pennies," said Benjamin. He held them in his hand, and showed them to the boy. "You may have them, if you will give me the whistle."

"All of them?"

"Yes, all of them."

"Well, it's a bargain," said the boy; and he gave the whistle to Benjamin, and took the pennies. Little Benjamin Franklin was very happy; for he was only seven years old. He ran home as fast as he could, blowing the whistle as he ran. "See, mother," he said, "I have bought a whistle."

Do you think Benjamin made a good choice buying the whistle? Why or why not? (Wh question)

"How much did you pay for it?"

"All the pennies you gave me."

"Oh, Benjamin!"

One of his brothers asked to see the

whistle. "Well, well!" he said. "You've paid a dear price for this thing. It's only a penny whistle, and a poor one at that." You might have bought half a dozen such whistles with the money I gave you," said his mother.

What did Benjamin's brother mean when he said, "You've paid a dear price for this thing?" (Wh question)

The little boy saw what a mistake he had made. The whistle did not please him anymore. He threw it upon the floor and began to cry.

"Never mind, my child," said his mother, very kindly. "You are only a very little boy, and you will learn a great deal as you grow bigger. The lesson you have learned today is never to pay too dear for a whistle." Benjamin Franklin lived to be a very old man, but he never forgot that lesson.

What would you buy if you were given some money? (Distancing)

Every boy and girl should remember the name of Benjamin Franklin. He was a great thinker and a great doer, and with Washington he helped to make our country free. His life was such that no man could ever say, "Ben Franklin has wronged me."

Why is Benjamin Franklin considered a great thinker? (Wh question)

